

Welcome to the Port Angeles Combat Range Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) web site we have established to keep you informed about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers efforts to conduct the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) Site Investigation (SI).

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is evaluating FUDS that had historically been used for military activities and training. One of these sites, the former Port Angeles Combat Range, is located in Clallam County, near Port Angeles, WA.

The former Combat Range, located about seven miles southeast of Port Angeles, consists of about 1620 acres. The land, leased by the Army in early 1943, was use as a combat training firing range. No buildings or improvements other than temporary spotting towers were constructed. Troops camped at the Port Angeles Fair Grounds Conservation Corps Camp traveled to and from the range for training. In the spring of 1944 the range, no longer needed by the Army, was declared excess and returned to private ownership.

The Corps will do the evaluation by conducting a MMRP SI. The SI will be conducted by a Corps contractor, Shaw Environmental. The work to be performed will include access to and a visual inspection of property that was part of the former Fort Flagler. The inspection may also include soil and/or water sampling.

The SI will be used to determine what future work the Corps may do to clean-up possible munitions related components and chemical constituents used during training. The Corps of Engineers inspects and evaluates sites contaminated with hazardous waste, radioactive waste, and/or munitions according to federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

In order to begin the SI the Corps will be contacting the property owners of the former Combat Range site requesting the ownes to provide a signed Department of the Army Right of Entry for Investigation and Sampling.

If you have ideas that would make this web site more useful to you, please let us know.

You're invited to E-mail your comments or questions to the Seattle District, Port Angeles Combat Range Project Manager: michael.d.nelson@usace.army.mil.